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BNY Mellon Charitable Foundation Commits \$1 Million to Pittsburgh-area Nonprofits

PITTSBURGH, May 20, 2008 — The BNY Mellon Charitable Foundation recently announced grants totaling more than \$1 million to Pittsburgh-area nonprofit organizations. The slate of charitable investments, ranging from economic development and affordable housing initiatives to arts, culture, education and literacy programs, was approved during the Foundation's spring 2008 meeting. The BNY Mellon Charitable Foundation is the major vehicle through which BNY Mellon channels contributions to nonprofit organizations in western Pennsylvania.

"We remain committed to western Pennsylvania and the organizations that so dramatically continue to impact our quality of life," said James P. McDonald, president, BNY Mellon Charitable Foundation. "Our philanthropy is focused on the pillars of a strong community - education and literacy, affordable housing and economic development, health and wellness, and arts and culture."

The current grant recipients are:

- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh -- \$100,000 for construction of its new Hill District branch library;
- Community Design Center of Pittsburgh -- \$50,000 for equipment and infrastructure improvement;
- Duquesne University's John F. Donahue Graduate School of Business Career Literacy for African American Youth (CLAAY) -- \$50,000 for programmatic support;
- East End Cooperative Ministry -- \$30,000 toward the Ministry's housing programs;
- Extra Mile Education Foundation -- \$35,000 for tuition assistance;
- Family House -- \$100,000 challenge grant in support of the Family Assistance Program;
- Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council -- \$100,000 for development of a small arts fund to support audience development initiatives;
- Habitat for Humanity -- \$90,000 to cover closing costs for nine homes in the Chessland neighborhood, representing Habitat's first full-scale neighborhood project in the Pittsburgh region;
- Hill House Association -- \$300,000 for the Hill House Capital Campaign;
- Life's Work of Western PA -- \$50,000 for program support, including its eight-week customer service training program and placement services for persons with disabilities;
- Light of Life Rescue Mission -- \$50,000 to underwrite the Mission's services to homeless women and children;

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- New Century Careers -- \$75,000 to fund a strategic review of its workforce training services;
- Pittsburgh Public Theater -- \$75,000 to support its education and outreach programs, ranging from classes and workshops to its Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Contest;
- StartingGate -- \$30,000 for a technology development grant and loan fund available to entrepreneurs and small business start-ups located in Beaver, Butler and Lawrence Counties;
- Student Conservation Associates, Inc. -- \$50,000 to launch the Green Jobs Initiative which will provide both service-learning experiences for youths as well as a community-wide analysis of the workforce training and development requirements for green industries; and
- YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh -- \$150,000 to support the Y's capital campaign, specifically its Hill District Center Avenue Y renovations.

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